

Serial No. 10/804,871
Docket No. PISCES 02.03
Amendment C Under Rule 116

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please reinsert the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, reading as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/774,119, filed February 6, 2004, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/057,152, filed October 25, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,691,618, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/941,304, filed August 29, 2001 and a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/941,323, also filed on August 29, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,523,471, which are, in turn, divisionals of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/566,455, filed May 8, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,315,916. This application also claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/455,836 filed on March 19, 2003.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14, as follows:

On the other hand, methods also are known for making printing plates involving the use of imaging elements that are heat sensitive or switchable rather than photosensitive. See, for example, U.S. Patent Nos. 6,699,640 and 6,605,407.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 18, as follows:

The invention comprises a process for preparing a printing plate for press by imagewise applying a near infrared absorbing imaging fluid to a coated plate, exposing the plate to near infrared emitters, and washing the plate with a developing solution. The near infrared absorbing imaging fluid absorbs energy causing a chemical change in the underlying plate coating, making the changed coating insoluble to a developing solution in which the unchanged coating is soluble.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 15, as follows:

A computer-to-plate system according to the invention preferably comprises an ink jet printer (IJP), an oven having near infrared emitters, and a developing processor. To facilitate accurate imaging of the plate, the paper-handling or substrate-handling subsystem of the ink jet printer should have a short, straight paper path. A printing plate is generally stiffer and heavier than the paper or media typically used in commercially available ink jet printers. If the plate fed into the printer mechanism must bend before or after being presented to the imaging print head, then the movement of the plate through the printer may not be as accurate as the media for which the printer was designed. One preferred ~~printer~~ printer, ~~[[is]]~~ the EPSON Stylus Color 7600 available from Epson America, Inc., Long Beach, California, has such a short, straight paper path. A platen is preferably placed at the entrance to the paper feed mechanism. The platen preferably has a registration guide rail and supports the plate as it is pulled into the printer by the feed mechanism, facilitating the accurate transport of the plate under the imaging print head.

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